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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

08/373,953

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Rodney H. Bonck

Group Art Unit

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment received November 25, 1996.

☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-25, 27, and 29-34.

☒ The drawings filed on Jan 17, 1995 are acceptable.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

☐ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. _____.

☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on _____, which has been approved by the examiner.

☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☒ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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The following action is in response to the amendment received November 25, 1996, Paper No. 15.

Claims 1-25, 27, and 29-34 are allowed.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fails to show or render obvious the claimed rotational control apparatus wherein one of the ring of magnetic material and the permanent magnets of the eddy current drive is carried by the input and the other is mounted on the first, friction disc portion. The art also fails to show a rotational control apparatus having a means for rotating the hub on the shaft at a speed different from the first rotational speed when the first, friction disc portion is in the second position including a first drive component located on the input and a second drive component mounted on the first, friction disc portion with the spacing between the drive components changing as the first friction disc portion moves from its second position to its first position. The prior art of record fails to show cooling fins in first and third quadratures arranged at an acute angle from radial lines while fins in the second and fourth quadratures are arranged along radial lines. The prior art also fails to show the vanes on the first and second drive components as defined in combination with a pilot extension for removably and slidably mounting a fan to the output, the fan drawing air through openings and intermediate the first and second components.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

In accordance with MPEP 608.01(n), claims 1-3, 10, 11, 4-9, 32, 33, 12-21, 34, 22-24, 29-31, 25, and 27 will be renumbered for printing as claims 1-32, respectively.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rodney H. Bonck whose telephone number is (703) 308-2904.



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December 6, 1996